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*Bristol Bay Area
Health Corporation is
a tribal organization
representing 28 villages in
Southwest Alaska:*

Aleknagik
Chignik Bay
Chignik Lagoon
Chignik Lake
Clark's Point
Dillingham
Egegik
Ekuik
Ekwok
Goodnews Bay
Ivanof Bay
Kanatuk
King Salmon
Knugank
Koliganek
Levelock
Manokotak
Naknek
New Stuyahok
Perryville
Pilot Point
Platinum
Port Heiden
Portage Creek
South Naknek
Togiak
Twin Hills
Ugashik

*Our mission is to
provide quality
health care with
competence,
compassion, and
sensitivity*

July 22, 2019

Chairman Ajit Pai
Commissioner Mike O'Reilly
Commissioner Brendan Carr
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Geoffrey Starks
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment on WC Docket No. 17-310

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

The Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation a tribal health organization representing 28 tribes in Southwestern Alaska appreciates the Federal Communications Commission's goal of improving the policies and operation of the Rural Healthcare (RHC) program. Unfortunately, we believe that the proposed Report and Order released on July 11, 2019 leaves open too many issues and raises new questions. The intent to review this order at the August 1, 2019 meeting prevents our organization from conducting a meaningful review of the order and its potential impact to the way our organization delivers telehealth services to Alaskans.

Therefore, we respectfully ask you to remove the proposed Report and Order from the August 1, 2019 agenda for the open Commission meeting so we can better assess information included in the proposed Report and Order and that issues raised in the draft document can be clarified.

Respectfully,

Lecia Scotford, MD, MHA
Executive Vice-President & Chief Operations Officer

c: Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Dan Sullivan